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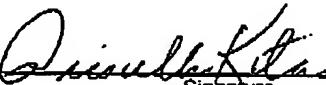
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**Office Action Summary**

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	10/807,773	ST. JOHN, CALI
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Louis K. Huynh	3721

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**Period for Reply**

**A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.**

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2004.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.      2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 219.

**Disposition of Claims**

4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
 \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-848)  
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DETAILED ACTION*****Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-7, in the reply filed on 12/09/2005 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 8-12 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made without traverse in the reply filed on 12/09/2005.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goserud (US 5,813,529).

Goserud discloses a cap having a base (flange 11), a tooth (collar 10) extending from the base, and an aperture (21) extending through the base.

5. Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lumpp (US 4,177,933).

Lumpp discloses a lid having a base (17), a tooth (20) extending from the base, and an air outlet aperture (25) extending through the base.

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6. Claims 1-4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brimo'020 (US 5,221,020).

Brimo'020 discloses a can cap (12) having a base and a tooth (38) extending from the base, a pad (42) having a thickness that is less than a height of the tooth (38).

7. Claims 1-4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brimo'088 (US 5,346,088).

Brimo'088 discloses a can cap (12/44) having a base and a tooth (38) extending from the base, a pad (42) having a thickness that is less than a height of the tooth (38).

*Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brimo's (US 5,221,020 or US 5,346,088).

The Brimo's cap meets all of applicant's claimed subject matter except for the specific teaching of the compressor pad being doughnut shaped. Although the pad (42) of Brimo's cap is soft enough to insure the entire top (16) of the can (10) is in sealing contact with the cap with the presence of the punch key (26); however, it is preferred to have the punch key (26) removed from the can prior to applying the cap. It would have been obvious to an ordinary skilled person in the art, at the time of the invention, to have modified the Brimo's cap by having provided the

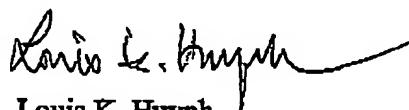
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pad (42) in doughnut shape such that the pad would be in better sealing contact with the top of the can around the punch key in order to prevent spillage and to eliminate the step of removing the punch key from the can.

*Conclusion*

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure has been cited on form PTO-892 along with the applied prior art.
11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Louis K. Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4462. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:30AM to 5:00PM.
12. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.
13. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

  
Louis K. Huynh  
PRIMARY EXAMINER  
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Attorney Docket Number	150262(49B14)

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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JKL	AA	US-4,697,719	10-06-1987	Allen	
JKL	AB	US-5,221,020	06-22-1993	Brimo, II	
JKL	AC	US-5,346,088	09-13-1994	Brimo, II	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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B	US-4,815,628	03-1989	Wehnert, III, Arthur R.	220/805
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